

7 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Conversation Between the Director and  
Senator Saltonstall

1. Mr. Dulles spoke to Senator Saltonstall on this date. He told him that he had written Dick Russell a letter a few days ago and that he would welcome an opportunity to give his Committee a briefing on the Soviet military and other related fields. He said he wished to mention this to Senator Saltonstall, particularly in connection with the letter from Senator Green to the President. He said he had been asked and had consented to do one section of that briefing. However, he had in mind that the CIA Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee was the body to which we in CIA were responsible in the first instance and he therefore desired the earliest possible opportunity to brief them. He told Senator Saltonstall that the Foreign Relations Committee briefing was now fixed for the 23rd of January.

2. Senator Saltonstall replied that he thought that Senator Russell would not be able to give much attention to this matter until after the filibuster issue was over. He suggested that after this is over the Director get him on the telephone and arrange to see him. He suggested this not be done until after the first of next week.

3. The Director then said he had another point that was a bit delicate, and that was with regard to the briefings Senator Symington had had here and at Defense on missiles. He said Senator Symington intends to make a speech on this, and that he (DCI) would like to give this same briefing to Russell's committee, prior to this speech if possible, so that they would have the same information.

4. Senator Saltonstall replied that the committees will not be organized for at least a couple of weeks, but that if the Director were willing to do it, it might be helpful if he came down to see the Director personally so if Symington sounds off he could speak back. The Director then said perhaps both Senators Saltonstall and Russell could have this briefing. Senator Saltonstall agreed with this and again suggested that the Director wait until Monday and then if he couldn't reach Russell, to give him another ring.

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